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Corps recreational opportunities at McNary

Walla Walla, Wash., -- Summertime is just around the corner and that means it's time to get out and enjoy all the new season has to offer. A great way to enjoy the great outdoors is to visit a park or recreation area operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At McNary Lock and Dam the swim beaches, picnic grounds, boat launches and public restrooms are open and ready for use, said Pasquale Anolfo, a McNary Dam Park Ranger. Areas open and hours of operation include:

Visitor Center Areas: The Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center is open daily, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. The powerhouse display gallery is open daily, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The Navigation Lock Visitor Center and Oregon and Washington fish view rooms are open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tours: **Tours of McNary** powerhouse and the Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center are self-guided. Groups may call (541) 922-2226 about the availability of guided tours.

New Gates in the Day Use Recreation Areas: Gates have been installed at the entrances to McNary Beach, Warehouse Beach and the Nature Area below McNary Dam. These areas are open for day use only and the gates will be closed at dark.

Shelter Reservations: **Picnic** shelters are available for reservation in Spillway Park and West Park. These shelters are popular so it is important to make reservations as early as possible. West Park and Spillway Park are open all day until dark. In order to guarantee use of a shelter payment should be received by the resource management staff at McNary within 10 days of the reservation date. To reserve a picnic shelter, call (541) 922-2226 or 922-2276.

Camping: At Sand Station the 14-day camping limit within a 30-day period is in effect and will be enforced. The Madame Dorion campground, the Wallula Habit Management Unit and the beaches at Madame Dorion Park, Wallula, Stateline HMU and Bobby's Beach areas have been leased to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For more information about recreation opportunities on Lake Wallula, call the Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center at (541) 922-4388.

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